



**PARKVIEW SENIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL  
REVISED AWARDS POLICY  
Effective date: January 2017**

## **Awards Policy**

**GENERAL POLICY OBJECTIVE:** To define the policy and procedure for Parkview Senior Primary School in the issuing of awards.

### **1. Academic**

#### **Academic Colours: Grade 7 only**

Academic colours are issued at the end of the second, third and fourth terms for Grade 7 only.

**Half Colours:** The learner must achieve 80% in seven subjects and an overall average of 80% in eight subjects. All of the above must be attained over two terms in the same subjects.

**Full Colours:** Child must achieve 80% in seven subjects, one of which must be a language. An overall average of 85% in eight subjects must be attained. All of the above must be attained over two terms in the same subjects.

#### **Annual Academic Awards for Gr 4 and 5**

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**Subject Prizes:** Top child in each subject in each **class** is acknowledged and receives a certificate and a pen. This is based purely on marks achieved. Two other pen awards per class are issued at discretion of teachers.

**Gold Certificate:** Overall average of 80% for the year mark.

**Silver Certificate:** Overall average of 75-79% for the year mark.

**Most Improved Student:** Most improved learner per grade, based on marks from Term 1 to Term 4.

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#### **Annual Academic Awards for Grade 6 and 7**

**Subject Prizes:** This is where the top learner in each subject in the **grade** is acknowledged.

In Grade 6, the learner receives a certificate and a pen. Grade 7's receive a trophy for that subject. This is **based purely on marks achieved**. Up to four other awards **per class** are issued at the teacher's discretion for diligence or perseverance etc.

**Gold Certificate:** Overall average of 80% over two consecutive terms

**Silver Certificate:** Overall average of 75-79% over two consecutive terms

**Most Improved Student:** Most improved learner per grade, based on marks from Term 1 to Term 4.

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### **Student of the week**

Each week during assembly, at least one child per class is called out as the student of the week. The teacher writes his/her own citation. This award is given for, amongst other things, kindness, helpfulness, good marks, respect etc. The children are issued with a certificate and their names are published in the school newsletter.

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### **Merits**

Each time the child is given a sticker/star, it is recorded on a merit sheet. Merits are also given for helpfulness, picking up litter, returning slips timeously etc. Every 50 merits warrant a certificate given in assembly. Once a child reaches 200 merits, a merit badge is awarded to that child in assembly.

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## **2. Sport**

**Colours will only be awarded at Grade 6 / 7 level.** i.e. Commonwealth Age Group.

**Colours will only be awarded for sports played at the school.** In order to qualify for colours, children must be selected for district, provincial or national teams and be FULLY involved at school level too. Children who are selected from a club for a district or provincial team, but who do not play at school, do not qualify for school colours.

This applies to the following sporting codes: Swimming, netball, soccer, cricket, athletics, hockey and tennis.

Certificates will be issued at the end of each season for most improved players etc.

Non-school code achievement or junior achievement will be awarded with a lapel pin badge for display on the blazer.

The school encourages the acknowledgement of the achievement of outside code colours, with provision for the colours to be issued to the child at a school assembly. The onus is on the parent/child to advise the office and prepare presentation material for issue. One day a term, those children will be given the opportunity to wear their external colours blazer/ uniform to school.

**Half colours:** District team in Commonwealth age group.

Tennis: Ranked in top 50 in Commonwealth equivalent age group (SATA rankings).

**Full Colours:** Provincial or National Colours in Commonwealth age group.

Tennis: Gauteng provincial team in Commonwealth equivalent age group.

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## **3. Cultural**

**Chess – Half colours:** District team ; **Chess – Full Colours:** Provincial or National Colours.

**Music – Full Colours:** Any child who is part of the Johannesburg Youth Orchestra.

Due to the limited scope of cultural activities carried out by the school at levels eligible for colours, parents will be requested to make application (form available from office) for the issue of cultural awards to an educator panel, which will include a member of the SGB; together with the relevant evidentiary proof. The panel will assess the application and may decide to issue:

a. A cultural lapel pin badge similar to sport, for display on the blazer

b. Half Colours

c. Full Colours – limited to exceptional achievement at an age category level

e.g. Johannesburg Youth Orchestra

The educator panel's award will be final.

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#### **4. Outside Achievements**

Children are encouraged to bring any medals, trophies, certificates etc. which they have been given outside of school. These are awarded at an assembly with prior notice to the Principal.

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#### **5. Service**

The award is subjective, based on full educator discussion – Half & Full Colours

Minimum qualifications for Full colours are for being present at 90% of school functions and going above and beyond.

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#### **Special Grade 7 Awards and Floating Trophies**

Grade 7s receive non-academic major awards based on specific criteria set out by the donors, and are awarded at the teachers' discretion.